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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
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Wade F. Horn, Ph.D., Assistant Secretary
Administration for Children and Families
Department of Health and Human Services
Aerospace Building, 5th Floor
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S. W.
Washington, D.C. 20447

Attention: Robert Shelbourne, Office of Family Assistance

Dear Assistant Secretary Horn:

I am pleased to submit Washington's State Plan for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program. This submission is being made pursuant to Section 402 of P. L. 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 602), in order to maintain Washington State's status as an eligible state for TANF block grant funding for Federal Fiscal Years 2003 and 2004, which began October 1, 2002.

On November 8, 2002, John Atherton, Assistant Secretary of the Economic Services Administration, Department of Social and Health Services, announced the beginning of the federally required 45-day comment period for the TANF State Plan, which ended on December 23, 2002. Also on November 8, 2002, Assistant Secretary Atherton, submitted notification for your agency's concurrent review of the state's Plan that was released for public review and comment.

The enclosed Plan includes technical corrections, eliminates references to programs that are no longer TANF-funded, and incorporates comments received during the public review period. A detailed summary of these changes can be found in the Introduction of the Plan beginning on page vi. In addition, a summary of the public comments received and the department's response to those comments is available upon request. The Plan now accurately reflects the TANF program as it currently exists in Washington State and can be viewed on the Internet at: <http://www.wa.gov/WORKFIRST/about/TANFplanindex.htm>.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding the completeness of the Washington TANF State Plan, and working with the Department of Health and Human Services in the continued operation of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program in this state. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Braddock".

DENNIS BRADDOCK
Secretary

Enclosures

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